written motions or requests shall be filed within 5 days after service.

- (c) When the Commission does not preside, in response to a motion or request, the presiding officer may refer a ruling or certify a question to the Commission for decision and notify the participants.
- (d) Unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, a motion or request, or the certification of a question or referral of a ruling, shall not stay or extend any aspect of the hearing.

#### §110.110 Default.

When a participant fails to act within a specified time, the presiding officer may consider him in default, issue an appropriate ruling and proceed without further notice to the defaulting participant.

## §110.111 Waiver of a rule or regulation.

- (a) A participant may petition that a Commission rule or regulation be waived with respect to the license application under consideration.
- (b) The sole ground for a waiver shall be that, because of special circumstances concerning the subject of the hearing, application of a rule or regulation would not serve the purposes for which it was adopted.
- (c) Waiver petition shall specify why application of the rule or regulation would not serve the purposes for which it was adopted.
- (d) Other participants may, within 10 days, file a response to a waiver petition.
- (e) When the Commission does not preside, the presiding officer will certify the waiver petition to the Commission, which, in response, will grant or deny the waiver or direct any further proceedings.
- (f) Regardless of whether a waiver is granted or denied, a separate petition for rulemaking may be filed pursuant to subpart K of this part.
- [43 FR 21641, May 19, 1978, as amended at 62 FR 59277, Nov. 3, 1997]

# §110.112 Reporter and transcript for an oral hearing.

(a) A reporter designated by the Commission will record an oral hearing and prepare the official hearing transcript.

- (b) Except for any classified portions, transcripts will be placed in the Public Document Room, and copies may be purchased from the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.
- (c) Corrections of the official transcript may be made only as specified by the Secretary.

## §110.113 Commission action.

- (a) Upon completion of a hearing, the Commission will issue a written opinion including its decision on the license application, the reasons for the decision and any dissenting views.
- (b) While the Commission will consider fully the hearing record, the licensing decision will be based on all relevant information, including information which might go beyond that in the hearing record.
- (c) If the Commission considers information not in the hearing record in reaching its licensing decision, the hearing participants will be informed and, if not classified or otherwise privileged, the information will be placed in the Public Document Room and furnished to the participants.
- (d) The Commission may issue a license before completion of a hearing if it finds that:
- (1) Prompt issuance is required in the public interest, particularly the common defense and security; and
- (2) A participant establishing that his interest may be affected has been provided a fair opportunity to present his views.
  - (e) The Commission may:
  - (1) Defer any hearing;
- (2) Consolidate applications for hearing;
- (3) Narrow or broaden the hearing issues; and
  - (4) Take other action, as appropriate.

# Subpart J—Special Procedures for Classified Information in Hearings

### §110.120 Purpose and scope.

- (a) This subpart contains special procedures concerning access to, and introduction of, classified information into hearings under this part.
- (b) These procedures do not in any way apply to classified information exchanged between the Executive Branch